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Contractor License Revocations

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 19 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, January 24. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

VIRGINIA POOL BUILDERS, INC. PORTSMOUTH, VA

File Number 2006-00459

COMPLAINANT – Timothy Farrington (Suffolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Virginia Pool Builders abandoned the project; failed to complete work for which it contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705063445 and a \$7,100 fine.

File Number 2006-00519

COMPLAINANT – Tara and John Brewer (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Virginia Pool Builders abandoned the project; failed to complete work for which it contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705063445 and a \$7,100 fine.

File Number 2006-00629

COMPLAINANT – Laurie and Dean Buckley (Portsmouth, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Virginia Pool Builders failed to obtain written change orders; abandoned the project; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705063445 and a \$3,800 fine.

File Number 2005-04130

COMPLAINANT – Lawrence Robinson (Williamsburg, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Virginia Pool Builders failed to obtain written change orders and failed to complete work for which it contracted.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705063445 and a \$2,300 fine.

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File Number 2005-04626

COMPLAINANT – Joe Etheridge (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Virginia Pool Builders failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705063445 and a \$2,000 fine.

NEIGHBORHOOD LAWN CARE, LTD.

CHESAPEAKE, VA

File Number 2006-00364

COMPLAINANT – Donald LaMarche, Jr. (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Neighborhood Lawn failed to execute a written contract; failed to include all required provisions in the contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705086796 and a \$5,800 fine.

ELMA PEELE trading as EIP RENOVATIONS

PORTSMOUTH, VA

File Number 2006-00932

COMPLAINANT – Yvette Mathurim (Suffolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Peele failed to execute a written contract; failed to include all required provisions in the contract; practiced outside her class of license; failed to obtain required building permits; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705062364 and a \$5,800 fine.

File Number 2006-00724

COMPLAINANT – Zelfhia and William Warren (Hampton, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Peele failed to execute a written contract; failed to include all required provisions in the contract; failed to obtain written change orders; practiced outside her class of license; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705062364 and a \$5,400 fine.

MAURICE V. GARRIS trading as MVG ENTERPRISES

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

File Number 2006-00944

COMPLAINANT – Regina and Angelo McPherson (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Garriss failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705075735 and a \$5,500 fine.

File Number 2006-00954

COMPLAINANT – Terry Clark (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Garriss failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain required building permits; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705075735 and a \$5,500 fine.

**VIRGINIA S. RUGER trading as IRON HORSE CONSTRUCTION CO.
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

File Number 2005-04025

COMPLAINANT – Alyson and William Sorensen (Chesapeake, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Ruger failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705065116 and a \$2,500 fine.

**MY DADS FENCING INC.
CHESAPEAKE, VA**

File Number 2006-01350

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Board for Contractors (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATION – My Dads Fencing shared a substantial identity of interest with a contractor whose license had previously been revoked.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705086902.

**DAVID E. CHIVERS trading as DAVE THE ROOFER
WALLOPS ISLAND, VA**

File Number 2006-00766

COMPLAINANT – Kenneth Wollny (Jamesville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Chivers failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705088635 and a \$4,800 fine.

**JERRY W. MUNDY trading as MUNDY BUILDING CONTRACTORS
CHURCH, VA**

File Number 2005-01759

COMPLAINANT – Mary Bishop (Walkerton, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Mundy failed to execute a written contract and abandoned the project.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705032908 and a \$3,200 fine.

**WILLIAM D. BOTTOMS trading as W.B. HOME IMPROVEMENTS
VIRGILINA, VA**

File Number 2005-04066

COMPLAINANT – Dinwiddie County Building Inspections Department

VIOLATIONS – Bottoms practiced outside his class of license and specialty; engaged in misconduct by failing to correct building code violations; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705077455 and a \$3,000 fine.

**GAIL CREACY trading as ALLPRO PAINTING
POWHATAN, VA**

File Number 2004-05128

COMPLAINANT – Thomas Shaw (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Creacy failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which she contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705079570 and a \$4,500 fine.

**CONSTRUCTION MARK ENTERPRISES, INC.
WEYERS CAVE, VA**

File Number 2005-00774

COMPLAINANT – Amy and Paul Harmon (Lyndhurst, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Construction Mark Enterprises failed to complete work for which it contracted.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705053447 and a \$2,500 fine.

**CARLOS CASTRO trading as CASTRO CONSTRUCTION
WINCHESTER, VA**

File Number 2005-03058

COMPLAINANT – Mengistu Haile (Alexandria, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Castro failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705073749 and a \$5,500 fine.

**RODNEY L. COPPERSMITH trading as BUDGET BUILDERS
CLAYSBURG, PA**

File Number 2005-02572

COMPLAINANT – Joan McDonald (Front Royal, VA)

CONSENT ORDER TERMS – Coppersmith practiced outside his class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705071050 and a \$5,700 fine.

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About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) nearly 40 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses more than 98,500 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

For more information, visit DPOR online at www.dpor.virginia.gov.